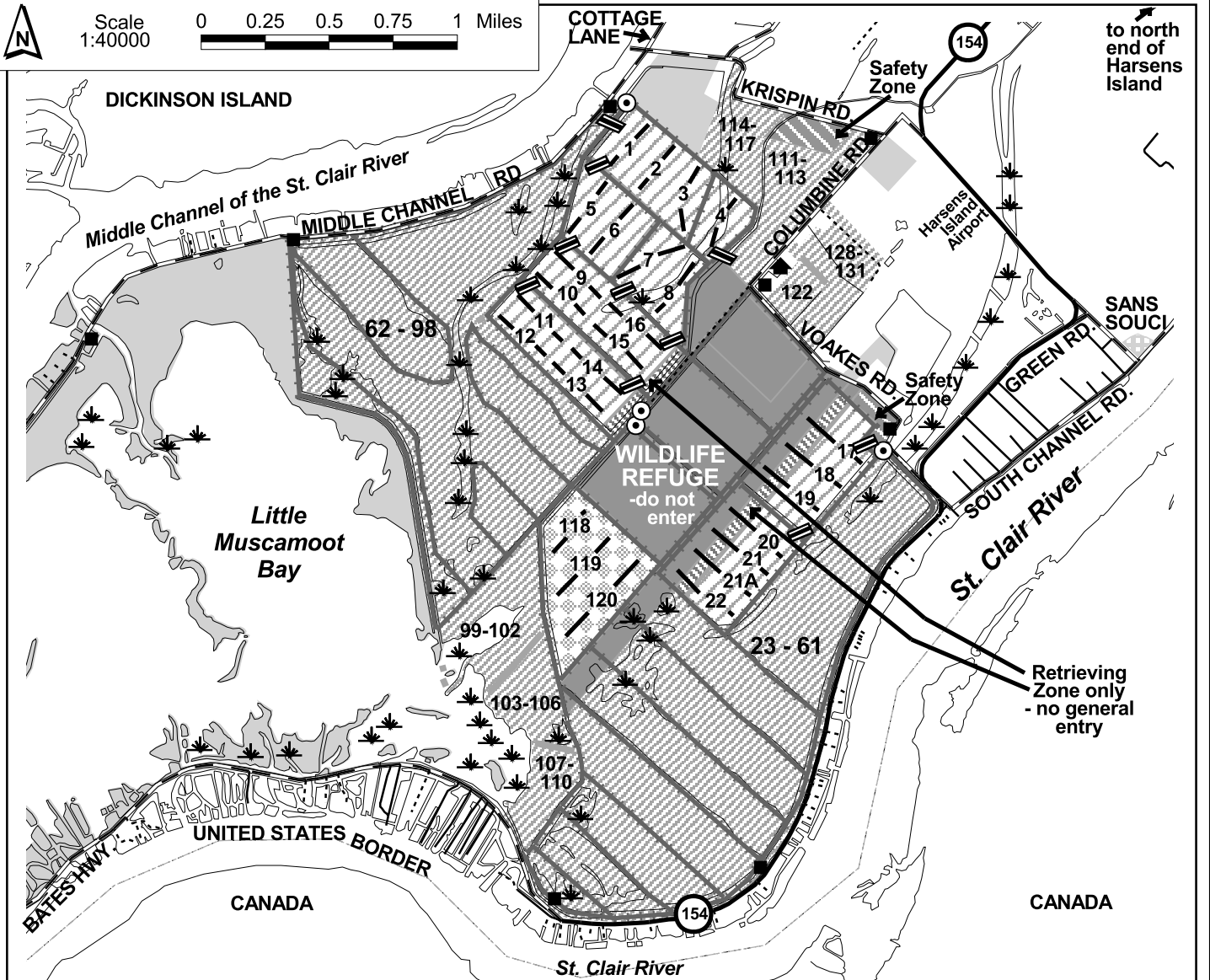




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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

HARSENS ISLAND MANAGED HUNTING UNIT ST. CLAIR FLATS STATE WILDLIFE AREA ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN



Legend

- General Area - Open to Hunting, No permit required.
- Managed Hunting Zone - Hunting by permit only.
- Managed Hunting Zone - Hunting by permit only, 2-4 hunters per party.
- Managed Hunting Zone - Area subject to being moved during season, contact office for details.

- Wildlife Refuge - DO NOT ENTER
- Retrieving Zone - No General Entry
- Safety Zone - No hunting
- Area Headquarters
- Parking Area
- Boat Access/Launch
- Open Water / Wet Marsh
- Pumping Station
- Foot Access / Footbridge
- Corn Strip (in Managed Hunt Areas)

- Dike & Ditch Areas - CAUTION! Deep Water may occur! Always use care when near all water areas.
- State/Federal Highway
- County Road
- Street / Local Road
- Railroads
- Two-Track / Trail
- City Limits
- Township-Range-Section Lines - Sections numbered (1-36) near center
- Lakes / Ponds / Water
- Perennial Stream / Waterways
- Intermittent Stream / Drainage



Portions of this area designated Watchable Wildlife viewing areas.

For more information on this and other areas, contact DNR offices or visit on the internet at: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>

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DNR-Wildlife Map 1003 (Rev. 7/2003 -MLS)

HARSENS ISLAND WILDLIFE AREA in ST. CLAIR FLATS STATE WILDLIFE AREA

SPECIAL USE AND HUNTING RULES

(All other applicable State Land Use rules and regulations apply, unless modified by the text below. To review the standard "State Land Rules for State Lands Other than State Parks and Recreation Areas" (IC 2598, rev. 6/29/2000), see the back of most State Game/Wildlife Area maps (except those with Special Use and Hunting Rules); the maps, rules and regulations plus additional details, and more information on this and other areas are available at DNR Offices or on the internet at: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>).

1. From September 15 through the waterfowl hunting season, you may not enter any part of the game area posted "STATE GAME AREA - Hunting by Permit Only" or "STATE GAME AREA - Entry by Permit Only" without a valid permit. Permits are issued at the game area office located at the corner of Columbine and Voakes Road. If you have questions or need more information, call or contact the St. Clair Flats State Wildlife Office at address: 1803 Krispin Road, Harsens Island, MI, 48028, and phone: (810) 748-9504.
2. On the first and second day of the waterfowl season, hunting will be limited to groups of 2 or 4 persons holding a hunting reservation. For reservation information, contact your local Department of Natural Resources office between August 10 and September 2.
3. Youth Hunting Days: On the first Saturday of the duck season (p.m. only), hunting permits received through the mail are reserved for parties of at least 1 youth, 12-16 years old, accompanied by one or two parents, guardians or other person(s) (maximum of 2 adults per hunting party) authorized by the parent or guardian who is 17 years of age or older, with appropriate licenses and stamps. The date for the second youth hunting day in early November (non-reserved and P.M. only) will be posted at the check station headquarters.
4. Throughout the season, individuals and parties up to 4 persons may apply in the drawing for permits. Any special rules and regulations for cropped hunting zones will be posted by the area manager at the headquarters building.
5. You must use a retriever dog to hunt in areas 6, 14, 21, 23, 80 and 82.
6. In party permit areas numbered 1-22 and 118-120, you must hunt in your designated corn strip (see map for location of strips). If you are hunting in areas 23-117 and 122-131, you may hunt anywhere within your assigned unit.
7. In areas 118-120 hunters are limited to 15 shells, but in all areas hunters are limited to 18 shells. All persons must use and have in their possession only shells loaded with steel shot or other state and Federally approved non-toxic shot; No. 1 is the largest shot size permitted.
8. Because the Harsens Island Wildlife Area is part of the Great Lakes Coastal Marsh ecosystem, water levels fluctuate within the Great Lakes, and consequently affect the wildlife area. With lower lake water levels, the marsh areas become pools of very shallow water and mudflats. These periodic and natural low water conditions are healthy for the ecosystem, but may be a temporary inconvenience for recreational users.

THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- a) Hunting or shooting from any dike, road, trail, safety zone, or retrieving zone (such as near Refuge).
- b) Entry into area posted "Wildlife Refuge", for any reason.
- c) Use or possession of shot shells other than non-toxic steel shot or other state and Federally-approved non-toxic shot.
- d) Constructing a shooting pit or permanent blind in the area posted "STATE GAME AREA - Hunting by Permit Only" or "STATE GAME AREA - Entry by Permit Only." *Portable blinds are permitted, but must be removed at the end of each hunt.*
- e) Parking outside designated areas; see map for parking lot locations. If you have questions, call the local headquarters office at (810)748-9504.
- f) Using an airboat, hovercraft, amphibious, all-terrain, or any other motor driven vehicle while in the area. Outboard motors are permitted but must be operated at a safe, no-wake speed. Launching personal watercraft from any access sites within Harsens Island Wildlife Area is prohibited.
- g) Trapping in the area, except under a written permit. Contact the area office for more information at (810)748-9504.
- h) Taking cans or glass bottles into the permit zones, or to possess or consume alcoholic beverages.
- i) Other Rules and Regulations for the State Game Area may be posted in the area; look for additional signs or notices to insure you have a safe hunt. **CAUTION:** Use care near all open water areas; some of areas may contain deep water, depending on season and recent rainfall.

PROCEDURES:

1. According to Part 435, 1994 PA 451, "A person shall not hunt waterfowl or deer where deer hunting is regulated by permit in an area designated by the department as a managed waterfowl area without an annual or daily managed waterfowl area permit and any other license, permit, or passbook required by this part." Note: Check waterfowl digest for necessary stamps and steel shot information, and call local office if you have questions.
2. Permits are issued for a MORNING HUNT and an AFTERNOON HUNT. For the A.M. hunt, participants must be registered or in line for registration at 5:30 A.M. local time. For the P.M. hunt, participants must be registered or in line for registration at 11:30 A.M. local time. A drawing will be held following registration that will determine each party's or individual's place in line to secure a hunting permit. To hunt together as a party, all members of the group must register together as a party prior to the drawing, except that a single hunter may join a party of two or three if that hunter's fully completed registration card is filed in the check station prior to the drawing. Exception: A parent may register his/her child (ages 12-17) only when school is in session by completing their registration card prior to the drawing.
3. Morning permits are valid from opening hour to 12:00 noon; afternoon permits from 1:00 p.m. to closing hour. You must personally return your permit from the morning hunt to the checking station by 2:00 p.m. and afternoon permits must be returned within one hour of closing time. All game taken must be presented for examination.
4. Any permits left following the drawing will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. No permits will be issued for the morning hunt after 10:00 a.m., nor after 5:00 p.m. (EDT) or 4:00 p.m. (EST) for the afternoon hunt.
5. On any day you have participated in a drawing and are issued a hunting permit (during or after drawing), you may not participate in another drawing.
6. For further information or details, call the local headquarters office at (810)748-9504.

BE A SAFE HUNTER -

A safe hunter obeys laws governing hunting and boating, is alert to any conditions hazardous to personal safety of the hunter and others.

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For information or assistance on this publication, or for information about other State land areas, contact: MDNR, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944, -or- through the internet at "<http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>". TTY (teletype): 711 (Michigan Relay Center). This publication is available in alternative formats upon request.